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Per The Tunney Act I am emailing my comments on the Microsoft Settlement.

The proposed settlement is a bad idea. It is totally and completely a pro Microsoft Settlement; in their favor, without sufficient compensation or remedies for their violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. In essence, settling for what Microsoft thinks it's own punishment should be and thus allowing them ways to circumvent and remove themselves from the penalties.

Dan Kegel provides some excellent insights into how this situation should be remedied. I offer a link to his web site for your review.

<http://www.kegel.com/remedy>

I agree with his conclusion, namely that the Proposed Final Judgment as written allows and encourages significant anti-competitive practices to continue, would delay the emergence of competing Windows compatible operating systems, and is therefore not in the public interest. It should not be adopted without substantial revision to address these problems.

Thank you for your time and attention in these matters.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Rippy